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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN (EVERYBODY):

Please DO NOT bring High-Level Nuclear Waste to Nevada. The risks are too great.

To bring High-Level Nuclear Waste across the country or even from a neighboring state is extremely risky and senseless. It would have to pass through neighborhoods like yours and mine, no matter what the form of transport, an unnecessarily expose citizens—including voters—to unreasonable hazards. Trains can and do have problems (i.e., breakdowns and derailments) and trucks do get into wrecks and do break down. No container is leak-proof, especially if damaged.

Washington State, for example creates much of the nuclear waste in this country. Las Vegas does not create nuclear waste—we should NOT BE THE DUMP. It is offensive to all reasonable citizens.

Even a rumor of having High-Level Nuclear Waste in this area would be deadly to our tourist-based economy. There is so much gambling available in so many other places now that no reasonable tourist would want to come here and risk health and life.

Also, the Oklahoma City incident and the recent New York and Washington DC disasters should remind all of us that terrorism is not just "overseas" in some distant land anymore. The extreme concentration of this proposed nuclear waste dump would likely become a temptation to some crazed would-be terrorist(s). It is quite likely that someone will try to get into the facility or at least threaten to damage it in some way.

It has been shown that the nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain could and would leak into the Colorado River water. Several states get at least some of their water from this source.

Everybody must drink water. Cancer clusters are a real possibility and threat due to this. I watched my father DIE OF CANCER—SLOWLY—PAINFULLY—IT ATE HIM ALIVE. NOBODY should have to endure the absolute gut-wrenching pain and hopelessness of this dread disease. It tears up the families, as well as the victims. How would you like to watch your parent die of cancer??

And the vast amount and concentration of the nuclear waste proposed for this dump would only aggravate and increase this danger and risk. People will suffer and die. You could be one of them because you eat and drink and whatever you eat and drink will likely become contaminated.

As I said, several states get at least some of their water from the Colorado River. So, this is NOT JUST A NEVADA issue. This disaster-in-waiting could and would leak into the water and contaminate the agriculture of those states using it. California, for example, bases a large part of its economy on agriculture. This could RUIN THEIR ECONOMY, as well as Nevada's. Much of their produce is exported throughout the United States and around the world. Even a RUMOR of such contamination could create HAVOC.

Japan, for example, from the time of the Medfly sprayings in California until the late 1990's, REFUSED to buy California grown avocados and citrus for fear of bringing problems into their country. It took many years and much expensive testing and persuasion by California agricultural industry to convince the Japanese to buy California produce again. And China recently did the same sort of ban of California produce. Japan is, of course, particularly sensitive to the problems of Nuclear Contamination. If Japan got "wind" that the produce in California was even possibly contaminated again, they may never buy California produce again, nor any possibly contaminated food from any other state. . This would RUIN THEIR ECONOMY.

And California is so big and so many tourists come from there to Nevada and to other parts of the US, it is quite likely it would have yet a further negative impact on Nevada economically, and even the entire US.

We are working citizens, voters, homeowners and taxpayers. If this High-Level Nuclear Waste is imported to Nevada, we will sell and leave; we will not contribute to the economy here. We are not alone. There will be others. Further, as voters, we are keeping track of what the politicians are saying and how they are voting on this issue.

The results of any spill or leak are PERMANENT CONTAMINATION and would cause the area effected to be PERMANENTLY POLLUTED and quite likely uninhabitable. The impact of the economy and people's health would be great and dangerous. For all these reasons, you must NOT BRING NUCLEAR WASTE INTO NEVADA.

Sincerely,

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